

10-11-12 - Grace Wilson called at 10:47 a.m. - is against big signs
10-11-12 - Donald Koeppe called at 11:31 a.m. - and is against the sign ordinance and any big signs.

Glenda Wiles

From: Small, Pam [psmall@utk.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 11:27 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Sign size

Dear County Commissioners,

I have recently been informed that the county commissioners are planning to change the sign ordinance to allow for much larger signs on our highways. My understanding has been that the commissioners are extremely interested in promoting business and tourism in our area. It is important to understand that Ravalli County depends very extensively on tourism and that much of this tourist activity results in permanent settlement in the valley. For most people the first introduction to Ravalli County is the drive from the Missoula airport down 93 to Hamilton and other communities and it is the visual impact that counts the most. It is the mountains and the natural beauty that are the selling point for our communities, not the fact that we have casinos, gas stations and stores. The large size signs you are considering permitting would greatly detract from the natural beauty and uniqueness of this area and I believe would play a big role in discouraging people from vacationing here and certainly from buying homes in this area.

The signs we have now do a good job of telling people where things are.

Best regards, Clem and Pamela Small

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From: Chris @ The Oasis [info@OasisMontana.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 11:09 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: RE: Big signs

Dear people:

As someone who lives right above the Eastside Highway north of Stevensville, I sincerely hope you will NOT allow for a sign ordinance granting some business or promoter to put up huge (14' x 24' or larger) signs. One of the many wonderful things about this valley is its rural nature, and putting up huge trashy signs is simply a very bad idea.

I am a small business owner and I appreciate someone's need to advertise, but these bright LED signs and the possibility of huge ones are simply not necessary, and actually harm our valley's natural rural beauty. This is not Las Vegas, and the residents of this valley do not want it to become that way.

Since I am working I am unable to attend your meetings held during the day. But I know many if not all of my neighbors are in sympathy with my views; please leave well enough alone and keep our existing sign ordinance.

Thanks for listening.

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From: Betsy Saylor [saylorrn@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 10:59 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Sign ordinance.

Dear County Commissioners, I would like to voice my opposition for any changes to the current sign ordinance in Ravalli County. It will not provide jobs, but it will mar valley views which are extremely important to residents and future residents. The small bit of revenue that billboard rentals provide would not appreciably effect the economy. Increases in light pollution would be an additional blight on the local landscape.

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From: Suzanna McDougal [suzanna@wildblue.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 10:49 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: No sign ordinance change.

Commissioners:

I wrote an email before your first vote and also showed up and spoke, leaving work at home to do so. Please do not change the sign ordinance. Our view shed is more valuable than large ugly lit or unlit signs.

Thanks you for caring.

Suzanna